## Interpellation.

(*d*) If the present Rules do not admit of remissions being granted for complete loss by excessive floods, will the Government be pleased to extend the scope of the Remission Rules and grant such remissions where they are satisfied that there has been *total* failure of crops on account of excessive floods of extraordinary nature?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representations were made to them or to the Revenue Department by the ryots of Chenkal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk, for the remission of tax for the Kanni crop of 1096, on account of total failure of crops caused by the destructive action of extraordinary floods, and, if so, what action, if any, has been taken thereon by Government or the Department concerned?

(*f*) Will the Government be pleased to institute a special inquiry into the grievances of the ryots of Chenkal pakuthi and grant them remission for the Kanni crop of 1096, and carry out any works that may be required to mitigate the effect of the floods on the wet lands?

9. Will the Government be pleased to appoint a Committee to inquire into and report upon the necessity for establishing a State Bank in Travancore, with a view to expanding the existing indigenous banking facilities, to consolidate and make secure the transactions of the various banks in the State and to provide adequate capital for the industrial and agricultural development of the State?

***Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai.***

10. (i) The Government, in reply to my question No. III asked in the Council meeting held on the 27th July 1920, have stated that tank-beds to the extent of 90 acres and 40 cents have been registered in favour of individuals since the completion of the Kodayar Project. Will they now be pleased to state whether it includes the Mankulam tank-bed in the Eesantinmangalam pakuthi, Tovala taluk?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to state whether Mr. N. Raman Pillai B. A., retired Dewan Peishkar and the present owner, had, while in office, any hand in fixing the *tharam* of this tank-bed for the purpose of the assessment of tax, and whether the Government have shown him any concession in fixing the price, and, if so, what that price per acre was?

(iii) Are the Government aware that Mr. N. Ramaswami Pillai of Bhoothapandi, while in active service, had put in an application to the Government, dated Bagdad, 12th

## Answer.

(*d*) The existing rule does not contemplate the grant of remission for loss of crop on account of excessive floods in individual fields, but in practice Government have been granting such remissions for widespread loss of crops due to excessive floods.

(*e*) A petition dated the 8th Karkadakam 1095, was received by Government from Trivikraman Velayudhan and others of Chenkal pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk, praying for the remission of the tax for the Kanni crop of 1096, on about 205 paras of wet lands in the pakuthi, on account of loss of the crop due to excess of rain, and it was forwarded for disposal to the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, on the 12th Kanni 1096. Five applications for remission in the same connection were also received by the Tahsildar and they were rejected as remission could not be granted under the Remission Rules.

(*f*) The Government see no reason for instituting a special inquiry, the Peishkar being competent to move the Government for grant of remission if there is justification for it. In regard to the protective works referred to, if specific representations are made, they will receive consideration.

*Financial Secretary Mr. K. George.*

9. The question of deputing an officer to study and report on the working of the State banks in Mysore and Baroda is under the consideration of Government.

*Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.*

10. (i) Yes.

(ii) No. The *tharam* was fixed by Government. The price was fixed by the Dewan at Rs. 250 per acre after personal inspection of the land.

(iii) Two applications were received from Mr. Ramaswami Pillai referred to and they were forwarded to the Dewan Peishkar,

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